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WITH SIGNAL CODING UNIT ACCORDING TO)

RDS STANDARD"

Re: Preliminary Amendment

Group: unknown

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be made to the Claims:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace original Claims 3-5, 7, 10-12, and 14-15 with the amended Claims 3-5, 7, 10-12, and 14-15, which are set forth (Appendix A, which is enclosed herewith, shows how original Claims 3-5, 7, 10-12, and 14-15 were amended to produce amended Claims 3-5, 7, 10-12, and 14-15.)

3. (amended)

The coding unit according to claim 1, characterized in that said second output signal component (PRIC) comprises one or more data blocks, each of said blocks being constituted by a bit sequence apt to represent a portion of said indicative information about said radio receiver.